

Indianapolis Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 17 2015 3:00pm
Indy Bike Hub YMCA

Attendees:

- See attached sign in sheet

1. Call to Order and Introductions at 3:08

Kevin passed around a new e-mail contact list to review. The group agreed that people on the list who have not attended the last few meetings might want to be removed. The group suggested an e-mail to allow people to opt out if they desire.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes. Motion was made to approve and seconded as written. The group discussed the possibility to move the meeting to various locations since the Hall has HVAC issues and will be closing.

3. Project Updates

- a. New York and Michigan Green Lanes project was discussed. The City has received second bids but they are still too high. Specialty work and market conditions might be the cause. The City is negotiating with the lowest contractor but do not expect to come to an agreement. The project is expected to rebid again, likely for Spring 2016 construction.
- b. Eagle Creek Trail. The construction is moving along. The northern phase should be done this year although property issues on south phase are causing delays.
- c. Pennsylvania Green Lanes. The surfacing is included in another surfacing job and should be done in October.
- d. The Pogues Run Trail is being constructed and should be done soon.
- e. The Pennsy Trail through Irvington is moving along well.
- f. The 38th and Fall Creek trail connection across Fall Creek is being redesigned. The plan is to abandon the existing 38th Street crossing and create a new crossing at the Fall Creek and 38th street intersection. The new crossing is under design now, no construction funding has been identified.
- g. The 10th and White River Parkway Trail crossing will be redesigned to cross under 10th Street and abandon the surface crossing. Looking at design options now, no funding has been identified.
- h. The 28th Street neighborhood Greenway is associated with the deeprock tunnel project. 28th street will be reconstructed as part of that work to make intersection easier to negotiate and more bicycle friendly with a traffic circle and traffic calming. Part of Central Avenue will be redone with a two way bike lane as well. The Central Avenue bridge over Fall Creek will be renovated with space provided for a cycle track connecting to the Fall Creek Greenway. It's using federal funds and will be bidding next year.
- i. Federal aid funds will be used for the Pleasant run trail renovation near English Avenue to remove a travel lane. Another section will be renovated crossing Washington Street. RFP for design is out for proposals.

- j. The Monon Trail in Marion County will be resurfaced and widened to 14 feet with possible new pavement markings. Design for this work will be contracted in the next year or so. The new Monon bike/pedestrian bridge over 38th Street will be constructed before the repaving.
- k. Saris guide lights are installed on the Monon Trail at its intersection 10th Street. City staff are now trained to install the remaining 14 lights; they will likely be installed on the Monon south of Fall Creek.
- l. Resurfacing at 30th and Monon will be re-striped with bike lanes today. 10th street on the east side is being resurfaced.
- m. Coordination with the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit planning is ongoing. A two way cycle track on Illinois from 18th Street to downtown will accommodate bike lanes removed along Capitol (with possible sharrows on Capitol, or routing bikes south bound bikes to Senate).
- n. Emerson Ave. improvements will likely will be a road diet (that was previously reviewed by IMBAC engineering committee). Jamison will follow-up with the project manager. It will be constructed in the Summer or Fall of 2016.
- o. The Fall Creek Corridor Park Greenway Trail resurfacing was discussed. Small realignments will be part of the work, design is in progress. It will be resurfaced in 2016 at the earliest.
- p. Traffic calming at the Monon Trail intersections were discussed. The group seemed to think that this is a good idea. That could possibly be done as part of the re-paving project or as part of other projects in the future.
- q. King Park Neighborhood Greenway is out for Request For Proposals for design. The passage through King Park is still a design challenge. There are a couple long range park plans that are addressing this and need to be coordinated in the design process. The area between the school and the park will need to be re-designed to accommodate bikes and pedestrians. It should be a rather affordable project to construct, likely in 2019.
- r. New York and Michigan conversion to two-way traffic and intersection improvements are being redesigned currently. Two way traffic on Michigan will include a separated, raised bikeway. This group has discussed this project in prior meetings. Budget considerations are driving the bikeway design.

4. Workplan and Committee Reports were discussed in general.

5. Miscellaneous discussion

- a. The recent crash at 30th and the Monon last Tuesday was discussed. There are posts on IndyCog website explaining the crash.
- b. 913 Sports is adding 3 new staff for a total of six. They are looking to expand programs. They anticipate 1500 kids being involved in their programs in 2016.
- c. Frank with SRAM is leading lunch rides on trails throughout to northwest side of town. Contact him if you want to participate.

6. Other Updates

- a. Indiana Cultural Trails's Bikes, Biz and Brew Meetup is this Thursday from 6-730 pm. There will be brief networking and organization discussions prior to bike-related presentations. Bike racks are available at TwoDeep Brewery. This is the first of other planned similar events, but they are not yet scheduled.

- b. Central Indiana Regional Bikeways Plan status was discussed. The Steering Committee met yesterday morning. The draft recommendations for the scoring system for the plan was discussed. The first five years of recommendations for the draft plan are focussed on Marion County (contains 91% of the funding for that period). The steering com seemed okay with that. The steering committee recommended adjustments to the scoring and asked that the plan develop an arterial system of recommended bikeways to focus funding. One option is to prioritize bikeways on arterials or tweak the scoring to reflect the importance of arterials in the overall system. The steering committee also asked to prioritize trip purposes to see if that effects the scoring. Revisions are being done at this time.
- c. Jamison has the results from a recent People for Bikes Survey that he will share with the group.
- d. "I Like Bike" Campaign (Bicycle Awareness Election Campaign)
 - i. Do any other groups want to come on board?
 - 1. We are asking you to share the petition link on your website, Fb page, other social media.
 - 2. We will add your name to the letter that will be going out to the Mayoral candidates, letters and questions going to Mayoral & City/County Council members, our "I Like Bike" webpage.
 - ii. 283 Signatures (<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/i-like-bike-2015>)
- e. The new national designation and recognition for HMBA and Brown County Trails was discussed. Brown County State Park has Bronze ride center status. This influences travel by mountain bikers to Brown County and should show a boost in attendance.
 - i. <http://www.hmba.org/wp/2015/08/national-designation-for-hmba-and-brown-county-trails/>
- f. Love to Ride Program: <https://www.lovetoride.net/global?locale=en-GB>
 - i. This is a commuter challenge for local businesses to encourage new people to ride to work and ride for recreational purposes. They have developed new software linked to a website for the challenge this fall beginning in September. The program also collects useful data.
- g. The Knowzone program was discussed. The League of American Bicyclists quick guides and lights are still available for distribution. IPD is distributing bike lights along the Monon Trail. IndyGo is also working with IPS to promote bicycling, walking and transit use. 913 Sports will work with some schools also.

7. Recap of Past Events

- a. Mass Ave Crit had Good attendance.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. August 20, 2015: Bikes, Biz and Brew Meet-up at TwoDEEP
- b. August 21, 2015: Bike in Breakfast at the Bike Hub, 6:30 – 8:00 am.
- c. August 22, 2015: CIBA/IndyCog Swap Meet @ the ICM
- d. This Sunday: Womens ride on Sunday from Fort Ben to Downtown and Back, BGI sponsored and HMBA
- e. September 12, 2015: Skirt Ride, Bent Rail Brewing Co.
- f. October 9-11: Hilly Hundred
- g. October 9-11: HMBA Epic:
- h. October 24, 2015: Tweed Ride

- i. Combined Indiana Bike and Walk Summit in August 2016 is in planning stage.

9. Adjourn at 4:16.

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